

Gabriele Di Matteo

1957, Born in Torre del Greco (Naples). Lives and works in Milan.

The China – Made in Italy project, by Gabriele di Matteo for Unlimited Art Basel, comes from the awareness that patenting a single pictorial style is almost impossible such as it is impossible to apply claims related to copyrights to any artistic imaginary. Since the beginning of his artistic career, Di Matteo has always questioned how the active presence of the author during the painting process should have a role strongly tied to the manual exercise of the pictorial practice itself.

Today with China – Made in Italy he tries a piratical “boarding” at the expenses of the new pictorial Chinese wave. The million worth paintings by Ma Liuming, Zhang Xiaogang, Yang Shaobin, Zhou Tiehai, only to quote some of the most notorious ones, reflect the booming Chinese economy and its primacies. Gabriele Di Matteo’s project enters in this reality to create a short circuit and so introduces a destabilizing element: the author has selected one hundred of the most significant and famous works of the contemporary Chinese art to reproduce them. The copies faithfully reproduced in their original size show their nature of fake ones: they are repainted in black and white.

Depriving the copies of their colours, the artist places a distance from them yet developing a logic of repetition by which, apart from exploring the significant potential of painting, he sets up a direct dialogue with the ephemeral and perverse rules of the art market. These works hardly definable neither as copies nor as a postmodern appropriation, set a series of reflections on the power and autonomy of the originality beside the persuasive force of art. Another not secondary aspect, underlines the falseness of the reproductions: they do not obey to any economical logic that determines the price, mainly based on the artist’s personal quotations, but, nevertheless their dimensions, they have the same price.

The entire series of works will deliberately be showed referring mainly to the serial production: the paintings will not be hung on the wall but put one against the other so that visitors will be free to touch and pull them out and look at them. All the entire installation will remember the interior of one of the many warehouses, containing counterfeit goods, scattered all over the world.

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INSTALLATION VIEW / COMPOSITION, 2009.

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INSTALLATION VIEW ART UNLIMITED/ART BASEL, 2009.

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China Made in Italy

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AFTER FANG LIJN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 230 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER FANG LIJN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 230 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FANG LIJN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 140 x 180 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 210 x 210 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 210 x 300 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 210 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 91 x 91 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FENG ZHENGJIE. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 50 x 50 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FU HONG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 155 x 198 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER FU HONG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 155 x 198 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER HE SEN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER HE SEN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 200 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER HE SEN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER HE SEN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 100 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER LI DAFANG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 130 x 250 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER MA LIUMING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER MA LIUMING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 187 x 137,5 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER MA LIUMING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 116 x 91 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER QI ZHILONG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 64,5 x 63,5 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 210 x 272 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 200 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 127 x 180 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 180 x 120 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 140 x 130 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER SHI XINNING. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 100 x 100 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER WANG GUANGYI. 2009 (TRIPTYCH)

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 119,5 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER WANG GUANGYI. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 300 x 400 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER YIN JUN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER YIN JUN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER YIN JUN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER YIN JUN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 100,3 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER YIN JUN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER ZHAO BO. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 160 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER ZHAO BO. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 140 cm

China Made in Italy

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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 130 cm

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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 130 cm

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AFTER ZHAO BO. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 100 cm

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AFTER ZHAO BO. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 100 cm

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AFTER QI ZHILONG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 162 x 130 cm

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AFTER WANG XINGWEI. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 170 x 176 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER WANG XINGWEI. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 180 x 180 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO AFTER WANG XINGWEI. 2009



GABRIELE DI MATTEO AFTER WANG XINGWEI. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 199,5 x 221 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER YUE MINJUM. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 78 x 66 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER YUE MINJUM. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 220,3 x 200 cm

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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 220,3 x 200 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER YUE MINJUM. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 83 x 83 cm

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AFTER YUE MINJUM. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 150 x 300 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER YUE MINJUM. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 219,7 x 299,7 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER ZHANG XIAOGANG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

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Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 200 x 150 cm

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AFTER ZHANG XIAOGANG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 120 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

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AFTER ZHANG XIAOGANG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 130 x 110 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER ZHANG XIAOGANG. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 130 x 110 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



AFTER LING JIAN. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 180 x 150 cm

China Made in Italy

GABRIELE DI MATTEO



GIOVANE IN CINA - TENG SHIH-HUA. 2009

Technic Oil on canvas

Dimensions 130 x 80 cm